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SUBJECT: LOS - MINERAL INFORMATION

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I. OIL GAS

BILLIONS CU. FEET

ONSHORE OFFSHORE ONSHORE OFFSHORE

1. ANNUAL

PRODUCTION	0	0	17.0	0
1972				

2. CUMULATIVE

PRODUCTION	0	0	68.6(A)	0
1969-72				

3. PROVED RECOVER-

ABLE RESERVES	0	0	9,250	0
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RM ESTIMATED RZYOVER-

ABLE RESERVES 1972 0 0 NA 0

5. WELLS COMPLETED

1972 (B) 0 0 0 0

6. WELLS PRODUCING 1972 0 0 6 0

FOOTNOTES: (A) N.B. DURING MOST OF THIS PERIOD, TO 12/16/71, BANGLADESH WAS EAST PAKISTAN. (B) SOVIETS HAVE BEEN EXPLORING FOR OIL AND GAS IN VARIOUS PARTS BANGLADESH FOR SEVERAL YEARS. ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1972 NOT PUBLISHED.

7. NO LICENSE/CONCESSIONS FOR OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION GRANTED IN 1972.

8. NO INVESTMENTS IN OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION IN 1972.

9. ACCORDING TRADE SOURCE, 1972 CRUDE OIL IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO 825,000 LONG TONS; REFINED POL IMPORTS WERE 122,000 LONG TONS. REFINED POL EXPORTS WERE 36,000 LONG TONS (FUEL OIL TO INDIA); NO CRUDE OIL EXPORTS. NO NATURAL GAS IMPORTED OR EXPORTED IN 1972.

II. NO MARINE PLACER DEPOSITS CURRENTLY BEING WORKED. HOWEVER, BANGLADESH ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (BAEC) RECENTLY ANNOUNCED LONG-RANGE PLANS TO EXPLOIT DEPOSITS OF ZIRCON, MAGNETITE, MONAZITE, RULITE, ILMENITE AND TITANIUM IN OFFSHORE AREAS NEAR COX'S BAZAAR. AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR FINANCED STUDY BY AUSTRALIAN MINING ENGINEER WHO RECOMMENDED IN JANUARY 1973 THAT BDG SET UP PILOT PLANT AT COX'S BAZAAR TO UNDERTAKE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC STUDIES TO DETERMINE COMMERCIAL FEASIBILITY OF EXPLOITING MINERALS. GOA REPORTEDLY AGREED TO INVEST \$145,000 TOWARD COST OF SETTING UP PLANT. IN APRIL 1973, BAEC TOLD PRESS IT HAD SURVEYED SOME SEVEN MOLES OF 100-MILE LONG COX'S BAZAAR COASTLINE AND HAD ESTIMATED IDENTIFIABLE ARE RESERVES AT 1 MILLION TONS (NO BREAKDOWN GIVEN). PRESS REPORT SAID MINERAL DEPOSITS FOUND ON VARIOUS OFFSHORE ISLANDS AND IN BAY OF BENGAL SANDS. NO INDICATION, HOWEVER, WHETHER ORE-BEARING SANDS ON SURFACE, UNDERWATER OR BOTH. BAEC REPORTEDLY EXPECTS SET UP UNCLASSIFIED

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PILOT PLANT WITHIN FEW MONTHS. COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION, IF FEASIBLE, NOT EXPECTED FOR AT LEAST TWO MORE YEARS. COX'S COAST SITUATED AT 2120N; 9200E. NEWBERRY

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